

Devil's Swamp Lake Site

EPA Community Involvement Team has been working closely with the Alsen Community in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for a number of years. In 2009 we sponsored a Health Fair at the Alsen Recreation Center, and saw over 100 community members, offering information and testing. In 2010, EPA awarded a Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) to Alsen/ St. Irma Lee Community Enterprise, Inc. At one of the TAG Meetings a question was posed about possible educational assistance for children in the community. We knew this was outside the scope of our normal involvement, but pursued the request with Clean Harbors Inc., a PRP at Devil's Swamp Lake Site. We asked them if a possible scholarship program for the community would be a possibility.

We are pleased to announce, that after one year and several meetings with schools in Baton Rouge and Clean Harbors, that an Alsen Community Scholarship Fund has been established. On 12/6/12 Clean Harbors presented a \$4000 check to Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) for an ongoing scholarship fund, books and tuition for one year. EPA will make an announcement to the community at the next TAG meetings in January.

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